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Prices and Wages in Lodz

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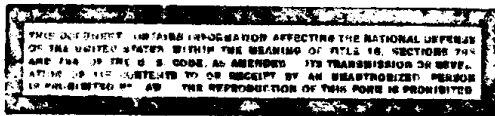
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1. Wagon

- a. An unskilled worker is paid between zloty 350.00 to zloty 600.00 per month.
- b. A skilled worker makes between zloty 750.00 and zloty 300.00 per month, in rare cases zloty 1000.00.
- c. A foreman earns between zloty 1000.00 to zloty 1,300.00 per month
- d. Outstanding workers, so-called "przodownicy pracy", are paid up to zloty 2,500.00. For propaganda reasons every factory has to have its "outstanding workers". However, the party secretary and the works' council do not necessarily choose the best workers for this title but party members and ZMP candidates. Those chosen are assigned to the best machines in the plant and are thus able to accomplish more than other workers. In general the machines are old and if a worker is assigned to a good one, he automatically becomes an "outstanding worker".
- e. More and more women are being employed by industry in Lodz. In some branches approximately 80 percent of the workers are women.

2. Salaries

In the so-called "Light Industry" (Przemysl Lekki) ten pay groups are classified. The basic salaries are as follows:

- a. Group 10 - zloty 180.00 per month
b. Group 9 - zloty 240.00 per month
c. Group 8 - zloty 320.00 per month
d. Group 7 - zloty 430.00 per month

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- e. Group 6 - salary 500.00 per month
- f. Group 5 - salary 559.00 per month
- g. Group 4 - salary 659.00 per month
- h. Group 3 - salary 724.00 per month
- i. Group 2 - salary 802.00 per month
- j. Group 1b - salary 1,260.00 per month
- k. Group 1a - salary 1,300.00 per month

In addition to the basic salary an office employee is paid a premium. The amount of the premium for each pay group is based on a special coefficient, namely:

- a. The coefficient for Groups 10, 9, 8 is 0.6
- b. The coefficient for Groups 7, 6 is 0.8
- c. The coefficient for Groups 5, 4, 3 is 1.0
- d. The coefficient for Groups 2, 1b, 1a is 1.2 - 1.4.

Furthermore, a special supplementary fund is kept for pay groups 5 to 1a. Payments from this fund are mostly made for political reasons.

3. Prices

Prices in Lada are the same as throughout the whole country. It often happens that due to bad organization some products are supplied in abundance while there is an extreme shortage of others. It seems to be a little better in Lada because of its reputation as a "Red" town.

a. Food prices:

Bread (2 kilograms)	salary 5.00 to salary 8.00
Butter (1 kilogram)	salary 60.00
Meat (1 kilogram)	salary 30.00 to salary 35.00
Milk (1 liter)	salary 2.50
Laundry soap (3 cake)	salary 20.00
Toilet soap (1 cake)	salary 4.00 to salary 10.00
Eggs (1)	salary 1.20

b. Clothing prices:

Men's suits (medium quality)	salary 700.00 to salary 2,000.00
Overcoats	salary 1,500.00
Shoes	salary 450.00
Shirts	salary 50.00 to salary 200.00

- c. A family of four persons (two adults and two children) spend about salary 1,400.00 per month for food only. No money is left for clothing. In most families husband and wife are working and the small children are sent to day nurseries. The adults eat in the factory messhalls while the children are fed at the nurseries. Thus a small part of the adults' wages or salaries is left for clothing.

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aries can be used for the purchase of clothes. Often the people go hungry to be able to buy necessary clothing. Some families are assisted by their relatives who live abroad. Many of the people steal as many products as possible from their places of work which they then sell on the black market to improve their incomes. The regime tries to curb these activities by imposing heavy penalties. The morale of the working population is very low.

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